Teachers—Lower Secondary and Primary Departments.

568. **Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the percentage of under-graduate teachers in the Form classes of the Lower Secondary departments in all the State schools;

(b) the total number of graduate teachers now employed in the Primary department of the State schools?

Mr. I. N. Menon.— (a) Nearly 38%.

(b) Four.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know what is the minimum qualification?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—There is the School Final Certificate Examination, and along with that there is the license issued by the Department, up to the Third Form.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Whether the percentage is decreasing or increasing?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—During the last 12 months the percentage has considerably increased. A definite rule is laid down that a very large percentage should be reserved to people who are promoted from the lower ranks to the higher.

Maharaja's College and Hostels—space.

569. **Mr. C. A. Ouseph.**—Will the Government be pleased to place on the table copies of remarks, observations or orders made by the Madras University Authorities regarding space in the Ernakulam College and hostels connected therewith and restriction on admission to the College and hostels after 1924?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—There are no remarks, observations or orders made by the Madras University Authorities regarding spece in the Maharaja's College and hostels apart from the several reports of the University Commission, relevent extracts from which are sub-joined. "Since 1918 the numbers have increased from 228 to 548 and the floor space of the College has trebled. The area is however inadequate in all subjects, the rooms formed from the verandahs are naturally not of good proportions for class work, the lighting and ventilation of the inner rooms have been spoiled and the mutual disturbance due to the close packing of rooms noted by the 1918 Commission has become much more pronounced.

There is no disguising the fact that the problem of improving the residential provision for this College demands an urgency

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